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**Amendments to the Drawings**

None

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### Remarks

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Written Office Action. In particular, Applicant thanks the Examiner for citation of US Design Patent 169,007 to Mains ("Mains") and consideration of the claims in light thereof.

With regard to the substantive portion of the Written Office Action, Claims 7 and 22 were withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected species. Also, Claims 1, 2, 12, 13, 15, 16, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Mains. Further, Claims 8, 9, 14, 23, 24, 27 – 29, 30 – 33, and 35 – 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mains alone. Finally, Claims 3 – 6, 10, 11, 18 – 21, 25, 26, and 34 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

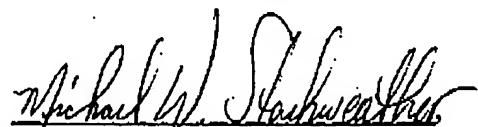
In response to the Written Office Action, Claims 7 and 22 are withdrawn, Claims 3, 19, and 34 are canceled, Claims 1, 16, 20, 21, 30 are amended, and Claims 38 – 42 are new. In particular, Independent Claims 1, 16, 30, and 38 are amended/new to include all the limitations from Claims 3, 19, 34, and 10 respectively including all the limitations of the respective base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 3, 19, 34, and 10 were indicated in the Written Office Action as allowable if so rewritten. Claims 20 and 21 were amended to change dependency, as each originally depended from canceled Claim 19.

For these reasons, it is believed that none of the prior art teaches the claimed invention. Furthermore, it is believed that the foregoing amendment has adequate support in the specification, and accordingly there should be no new matter. Applicant

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believes the pending claims have addressed each of the issues pointed out by the Examiner in the Office Action. In light of the foregoing amendment, the claims should be in a condition for allowance. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the proposed changes, Applicant again invites the Examiner to do so by telephone conference.

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